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MANILA FOR DR. J. KING, CHIEF, U.S. DELEGATION TO WPRO/WHO

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SUBJECT: EXPANDED U.S.-JAPAN HEALTH COOPERATION

FOR SCICOUNS BLOOM

AT A MEETING BETWEEN HEW(NIH/ASH AND OIH) AND STATE (OES/
APT) THE FOLLOWING WAS AGREED UPON TODAY:

1. THE US/JAPAN COOPERATIVE MEDICAL PROGRAM HAS BEEN A
SUCCESS OVER THE PAST DECADE AND U.S. VIEWS AS TO ITS
MERITS REMAIN UNCHANGED. HOWEVER WE FEEL THAT THE
STRUCTURE UNDER WHICH IT OPERATES HAS BECOME OUTMODED
AND THE TIME IS RIPE FOR EXPANSION.

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2. A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT UMBRELLA AGREEMENT IN HEALTH

COOPERATION IS DESIRABLE. SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD INCORPORATE EXISTING PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE US-JAPAN COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM, THE CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM, REHABILITATION ACTIVITY, ETC., AND WOULD ALLOW FOR EXPANDED COOPERATION INTO OTHER AREAS.

3. THE SPECIFIC TERMS AND STRUCTURE OF THE PROPOSED UMBRELLA AGREEMENT WILL BE AGREED UPON WITHIN HEW AND THEN BE PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR OES AND CIRCULAR 175 APPROBATION.

4. FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT BEGIN UNTIL THE ELECTIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND CIRCULAR 175 APPROVAL IS RECEIVED FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

5. THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE AND MODUS OPERANDI OF THE U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE MEDICAL PROGRAM WILL REMAIN INTACT UNTIL SUCH UMBRELLA AGREEMENT IS SIGNED.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INITIATE INFORMAL PRELIMINARY MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE LEVEL OFFICIALS OF ALL 3 MINISTRIES(EDUCATION AND SCIENCE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH AND WELFARE) CONCERNED WITH HEALTH COOPERATION AND MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF DR. KING'S 1/2 DAY PRESENCE IN TOKYO TO THIS END. A REPORT ON THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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